

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and empowered to cause such survey and investigations of public building conditions to be made, and such data obtained as he deems necessary properly to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

General survey, etc., to be made of public building conditions.

SEC. 8. That in the event local interests in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, shall offer to advance funds for the acquisition of a site for a quarantine station in or near said city, the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, receive such funds and expend the same in the immediate acquisition of such site, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to repay without interest, from appropriations available for the acquisition of such site, the amounts so advanced or expended.

New Orleans, La. Funds advanced for quarantine station at, may be received and used therefor.

Repayment.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

CHAP. 381.—An Act Granting relief to the Metropolitan police, and to the officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia.

May 25, 1926.

[H. R. 3507.]

[Public, No. 292.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for furnishing uniforms and all other official equipment prescribed by department regulations as necessary and requisite in the performance of duty there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not exceeding \$75 per annum for each member of the Metropolitan police and officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, to be expended subject to rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Uniforms, etc., to police and fire department authorized. *Post*, p. 847.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

CHAP. 382.—An Act To provide for the establishment of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes.

May 25, 1926.

[S. 4209.]

[Public, No. 283.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when title to lands within the area hereinafter referred to shall have been vested in the United States in fee simple, there shall be, and there is hereby, established, dedicated, and set apart as a public park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people, the tract of land in the Mammoth Cave region in the State of Kentucky, being approximately seventy thousand six hundred and eighteen acres, recommended as a National Park by the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission to the Secretary of the Interior, in its report of April 8, 1926, and made under authority of the Act of February 21, 1925; which area, or any part or parts thereof as may be accepted on behalf of the United States in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be known as the Mammoth Cave National Park: *Provided*, That the United States shall not purchase by appropriation of public moneys any land within the aforesaid area, but such lands shall be secured by the United States only by public or private donation.

National park. Mammoth Cave, Ky., set apart for, when lands therefor vested in United States. *Post*, p. 966.

Description.

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Proviso. Lands to be secured only by donation.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept, as hereinafter provided, on behalf of the United States, title to the lands referred to in the previous section hereof, and to be purchased with the funds which may be subscribed by or through the Mammoth Cave National Park Association of Kentucky, and with other contributions for the purchase of lands in the Mammoth Cave National Park area: *Provided*, That any of said lands may be donated directly to the United States and conveyed to it,

Acceptance of title to lands conveyed, authorized.

Proviso. Direct conveyances accepted.

National Park Service to administer, etc.

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Provisos.
Water power Act not applicable.
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Minimum area specified.

Area to be accepted before any development made.

Commission employed.
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cost free, by fee-simple title, in cases where such donations may be made without the necessity of purchase.

SEC. 3. The administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid park shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916, entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes," as amended: *Provided*, That the provisions of the Act approved June 10, 1920, known as the Federal Water Power Act, shall not apply to this park: *And provided further*, That the minimum area to be administered and protected by the National Park Service shall be, for the said Mammoth Cave National Park, twenty thousand acres, including all of the caves: *Provided further*, That no general development of said area shall be undertaken until a major portion of the remainder in such area shall have been accepted by said Secretary.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, employ the commission authorized by the Act approved February 21, 1925.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

May 25, 1926.

[H. R. 10429.]

[Public, No. 264.]

CHAP. 383.—An Act To adjust water-right charges, to grant certain other relief on the Federal irrigation projects, and for other purposes.

Irrigation projects.
Adjustment of water-right charges on specified.
Vol. 43, p. 703.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to make, under subsection K, section 4, Act of December 5, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes at Large, page 701), in connection with the irrigation projects hereinafter named, adjustment of water-right charges standing upon the records of said projects as of June 30, 1925, as follows:

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BELLE FOURCHE PROJECT, SOUTH DAKOTA

Deductions from total cost.

SEC. 2. There shall be deducted from the total cost of said project the following sums:

(1) \$355,809, or such an amount as represents the actual construction charges as found by the Secretary of the Interior against the following lands:

(a) One thousand two hundred and eight acres permanently unproductive because of topography steep and rough heretofore eliminated;

(b) Six thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven acres permanently unproductive because of topography steep and rough; based on present land classification.

(2) \$119,606 on account of operation and maintenance deficit prior to reclamation extension Act of 1914.

(3) \$12,036 on account of error or mistake representing Johnson Creek lateral storage investigations and Nine Mile location surveys as shown on page 14 of House Document Numbered 201, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session.

Construction charges suspended.

SEC. 3. All payments upon construction charges shall be suspended against the following lands:

(a) Ten thousand five hundred acres temporarily unproductive for lack of fertility in the soil, seepage, and excessive alkali salts;

(b) Six thousand eight hundred and ninety-five acres, Willow Creek lands awaiting further developments, temporarily unproductive;

All as shown by classification heretofore made under the supervision of the Board of Survey and Adjustments and shown in the